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In re Patent Application of)
ASHIKARI et al) Group Art Unit: 1638
Application No.: 08/894,356) Examiner: O. Zaghmout
Filed: August 18, 1997)
For: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN)
HAVING ACYL GROUP)
TRANSFER ACTIVITY)
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on October 25, 2000, applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 25 and 28 as follows:

Sub 1 1. (Three Times Amended) An isolated gene encoding a protein which transfers an aromatic acyl group to flavonoid.

Sub 2 25. (Three Times Amended) A plant whose color has been controlled by introducing thereinto a gene according to claim 1; or the progeny of said plant wherein said progeny has its color controlled; or tissues thereof.